

positioned within the holder 438 above the chamber 410. Advantageously, the block 419 is adapted with a recess or generally concave-shaped lower surface portion, so that a gas plenum 421 is defined by the lower surface of the block 419 and the upper end or surface of the chamber 410. Advantageously, the boundary between the block 419 and chamber 410 is sealed (e.g., with an o-ring, gasket or other sealing means). A ring 423 in threaded engagement with the holder 438 may help retain the block 419 sealed and in place against chamber 410 when oxygen gas from the supply assembly 412 is introduced into the plenum 421 through a gas inlet port in the block 419. From the plenum 421 gas may enter the chamber 410 through the filter 414 disposed along a port through the cap 417. Advantageously, gas pressure within the plenum 421 and the chamber 410 are about equal.

Advantageously, the chamber 410 and other system components include one or more sensors, e.g., fluid level sensors, pressure transducers, etc., (not shown in Fig. 11) to enable the monitoring of system status during operation. Advantageously, the sensors and various system components are coupled to a processing and control assembly 436 including electronic circuitry to enable the sending and receiving of signal inputs and/or control commands amongst one or more of the various system components. A display assembly 440 coupled to the processing and control assembly 436 may serve as a separate user interface for the input of data and/or process control commands and/or for the display of system status and/or processing outputs.

For the sake of clarity and convenience, oxygen-supersaturated fluid supply assemblies such as the ones shown in Figures 10 and 11 have been described including liquid atomizing assemblies. However, other means for contacting the liquid and gas may be used. For example,